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CDC inmates work on campus grounds near the southeast parking lot.

Pulitzer-winning historian to lecture

Pulitzer Prize winning historian Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. will deliver the American Studies Forum lecture at 8 p.m. Sept. 18 at LSUS.

While his comments will include thoughts on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, his appearance will also mark the fifth anniversary of the American Studies Forum, which in previous years has brought several

notable speakers, including William F. Buckley Jr., Jeane Kirkpatrick and Saul Bellow.

The forum is co-sponsored this year by the LSUS American Studies Program and the Shreveport Bar Association.

Tickets will hold seats in the UC Theater until 10 minutes before the presentation, at which time audience members will be admitted on a seats-available basis.

Inmates at LSUS Prisoners work for shorter terms

by ANDY SALVAIL
Editor

Inmates from the Caddo Detention Center will continue to work on the grounds of LSUS, said Burt Farrar, director of the LSUS Physical Plant.

The inmates, described by Farrar as "low-risk, non-violent, hard-working volunteers," are being used to mow lawns, trim hedges and clear away the thick brush growing in the ditches and small bayous surrounding LSUS. Farrar said that the inmates were serving short prison terms at CDC for relatively minor crimes, such as a "three-time DWI arrest."

Through a written agreement with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department, Farrar employed the inmates before the summer term. Since everything has gone smoothly, he said, he plans to use CDC inmate labor this fall and maybe next spring.

Farrar said that every morning at about 6:30, three to five inmates are picked up at CDC and brought to LSUS. After a full morning's work, they go to the UC for lunch, provided free by the University. The inmates resume work in the afternoons and usually leave for CDC at 3 p.m.

The inmates work unguarded,

but are under continuous supervision by Physical Plant employees, according to Farrar. He said there is no need to guard them while they are working because they have proven themselves trustworthy.

Farrar called the use of CDC inmate labor on campus an "experiment." The prisoners were needed because the Physical Plant staff is short of manpower, he said.

"There's no money in our budget to hire new people," Farrar said, adding that the inmates are not paid.

Farrar could not estimate the

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Athletic proposal scrapped

By BARBARA POWELL
The Almagest

Last summer was not a good time to ask the LSU Board of Supervisors to approve a non-scholarship athletic program for LSUS, Chancellor Grady Bogue decided.

Although a proposal had already been sent to the Board, Bogue asked that it be pulled off the agenda before the Board's July meeting.

"It had nothing to do with the Board's receptivity to the pro-

posal," Bogue said. "It had only to do with the timing of it."

The Board was seeking additional monies from the legislature and the governor at the time, and Bogue did not want to complicate the Board's work by asking for additional services, he said.

"We had some difficult moments this summer," Bogue said, adding that he did not want the proposal to get caught up in other budget requests for higher education.

The proposal will be placed on the agenda for the Board's November meeting. Bogue said that he expects the proposal to be approved.

"I would see no reason for the Board to deny the opportunity for intercollegiate athletic participation for this campus and provide it for other campuses."

Bogue said that although he had no way of knowing how all the Board members felt, he did have several members express

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Question of the week

Do you think that Lt. Col. Oliver North is a national hero?

Dr. Michael Williams, professor of English and German: "No, because he broke the spirit of the law if not the letter of the law. He engaged in activities which were not in the nation's best interest and which limited the president's ability to make a decision in his own office."

Shelia Davis, senior, computer science: "No, but he did what he thought was right. Reagan and everyone else were caught with their hands in the cookie jar."

Scott Smith, senior, pre-med: "Every American is a

hero in his own right. Ollie North was just doing his job."

Dr. Ken Purdy, chairman of the H&PE Department: "No. He may have been a national hero before he did whatever he did because he was a combat veteran, but doing whatever he did in the Iran-Contra scandal is not national hero quality. He was just carrying out someone's orders—maybe his own."

Martha Barkley, junior, physical therapy: "North held no regard for the principles that founded this country, and that is wrong. I believe that he thought he was doing the right thing and helping to keep the U.S. safe, but he went about it the wrong way."

Fall enrollment up 4.5 percent

More students attending LSUS? Preliminary enrollment figures are up 4.5 percent over those for last fall. Enrollment for the 1987 fall semester stands at 4,318 undergraduate and 426 graduate students.

According to Kathy Plant, LSUS' new registrar and director of admissions, the increase "might have something to do with students taking advantage

of the new tuition deferment plan and teachers coming back to school tuition-free." Rising tuition costs have been cited in the past as a reason for a declining enrollment trend at LSUS.

In addition to more students signing up for classes, registration this fall was plagued with computer problems which caused over an hour's delay for many students.

Despite the problems and long lines, the registrar's office received few complaints. "People were calm about the wait," Plant said.

Plant, originally from Cleveland, Ohio, who came from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, fills the position of registrar and director of admissions, left vacant by Betty Huff last semester.

opinions

Academics or athletics?

During the 1986-87 academic year Chancellor E. Grady Bogue initiated steps aimed at implementing a NCAA Division III athletic program at LSUS. Dr. Gloria Raines, vice-chancellor of student affairs, and a group of faculty members and students made trips to three schools comparable to LSUS in size in order to explore their respective athletic programs. Last spring, after their trips, Bogue stated in an *Almagest* interview that the feedback from the group was mostly positive.

"I think the main thing was that it showed that with modest budgets and a commitment to quality, you can run a very fine, student-based scholar-athlete program," Bogue said.

We agree that the concept of a scholar-athlete is noble. But is it necessary to have intercollegiate athletics? Intramurals are an integral part of LSUS and have the highest participation rate of any activity offered by the University. With the proper management, intramurals can accomplish the same goals as an intercollegiate program could.

Despite a lack of consensus on the effects of an athletic program, Bogue and SGA President Clayton Rowe presented a plan to the LSU Board of Supervisors in Baton Rouge over the summer that would have led to the implementation of such a program at LSUS this year.

Fortunately, the request was withdrawn. Unfortunately, it will be re-submitted.

We believe it is in the best interest of the University to forgo plans for an athletic program at this time. LSUS needs to concentrate all available resources on academics. If \$100,000 can be raised for an athletic program, then why can't the same amount be raised for academic scholarships and minority recruitment?

Once LSUS gets its academic house in order, then let's go out and play.

The 'experiment'

Is the use of CDC inmate labor at LSUS really an "experiment?"

We think not.

In America, prison inmates have worked — without pay — at private and public institutions for decades. This is not an "experiment" as one administrator of this University has said. This is a kind of blackmail that an institute of higher learning should avoid.

Admittedly, CDC is overcrowded, so the inmates probably are not working against their wills. But it's not much of a choice. It's either prison walls or LSUS' 100-degree heat and bee stings.

Shreveport and Louisiana have one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Teen employment figures are even higher. While the University is saving money, there is a rising crime rate, due in part to the unemployment situation.

We believe that serious thought should be given to the use of inmate labor. The U.S. prison system needs serious reform. But reform does not include letting inmates do the dirty work at LSUS.

Are the inmates — who are getting reduced prison terms — going to be reformed when they are released because they cut grass at the University? We think not.

The University should be a place of growth and improvement and education. It should not be a business.

'Now's the time to have your fun'

By PHIL MARTIN

Guest Columnist

"How can one make the best of one's life? By converting as wide a range of experience as possible into conscious thought." Andre Malraux

Look, I'm flattered you guys asked me to write this column, and I'm doing my best to keep it under control, but there is something ugly and fierce rising up in me and demanding release — I just can't help it. Stand back, babe, this might get nasty.

Damn, I'm jealous of you guys.

Somebody, (and I'm not even going to guess at who) said youth is wasted on the young. I wouldn't go quite that far, but then I'm probably not that old, and I can tell you from this vantage point, which is coming up on you guys way quicker than you think, that you guys don't know how good you've got it.

In five years, your options will have narrowed, and you'll have regrets and — worse — obligations. In five years, unless you're very lucky, you guys are going to be mature, responsible adults. And that ain't all bad, but it's not as much fun as you ought to be having now.

If you're not having fun now, then have some. Love each other. Find somebody to hold and cherish and shiver with. Worry your parents a little, take a few crazy chances, get your heart broken and your pride shot to hell and maybe crawl around blind with rage and tears for awhile. That's what life is and you ought to know about it, because I won't lie to you, if we are honest with ourselves we soon realize that it all comes down to a girl.

Or a guy.

Or a member of the Picket Line Coyotes. Whatever.

Now that we've got the fundamental truth out of the way, well, let me bull ahead and try to make sense of this thing for you. I mean just because I can turn in incomprehensible, masturbatory (Andy, can I say that?) columns to my bosses at my newspaper, doesn't mean the *Almagest* is going to let me get away with it. So...

My topic today is College. College, as most of you know, can be a real drag. But it is better than working, unless you've got a job as a highly paid diesel engine mechanic or a highly paid newspaper columnist (yeah, right). And unlike an awful lot of people, some of whom are prob-

bably you guys' friends, I don't believe that it is a total waste of time. After all, you can — if you apply yourself — actually learn something in college.

Look, it's up to you. Just between us, some of your professors are pretty smart people. A few are probably even inspiring. But like any other job, a few of them don't give a damn about quality control. If they've got students that motivate them to be good teachers, then they're good teachers. If they don't, well, the pay's the same for the mediocre stuff. It's up to you guys to educate yourselves, nobody cares if you stay stupid all your life.

The best way not to be stupid is to read. Read the books your professors suggest you read, read W.J. Cash, read Crane Britton, read Abraham Moles, read P.J. O'Rourke, read Faulkner, Fitzgerald, T.R. Pearson, Evelyn Waugh, read everything you can get your hands on, get hungry and read all night and hurt for sleep. Read.

And don't let them cheat you. Question. Take nothing for granted. Pester people to explain things. Question yourself, your motives, your intellectual capacity. Don't let yourself get smug, for smug people are boring.

And there are damn few things worse than being boring. There's no excuse for being boring. Develop a few passions; like the Old Scoutmaster says, round yourselves out a bit. Make music or art or build motorcycles with your bare hands. Your generation already has a bad rap, people are saying you're a bunch of money-grubbing brats, with no social conscience, that all you care about is instant gratification, that most of you can't find Nicaragua on a map and most of you don't even care.

I know better than that. I know you guys, you're good people. And I trust you guys to do the right thing when the time comes, some of you are going to show them that they were wrong. And some of you are probably going to go to prison too, but that's just the way it is. Listen, I understand.

I'm not going to ask you to try and make the world a better place, "better" is too subjective a concept for me to deal with right now. I just want you to make it a more interesting place, all right? And what's with this Spuds McKenzie crap? C'mon, the irony is lost when half the world are true believers. And how can you take this band U2 so seriously? I mean the guy — what's his name, Bono — is pretty good but he sounds too much like Neil Diamond to me. It's all real confusing, I know, but there are people who care about you guys, and you ought to care about each other.

I don't know that any of this helps; the pen is tidier than the sword but a blue-steel barrel is a lot more convincing than either one. Be gentle with us when you storm our walls and kick us out, there is a generation bubbling up right underneath you too, and payback is a mother. Time is a relentless and solemn thing, and like I said in the beginning, I'm jealous of you guys — even if it's only a couple of years, it's still a couple of years. You guys can still join the Peace Corps and tramp around the world and form rock bands and dress in cool clothes and shave your heads if you want to while I've got to deal with this intense deadline pressure. I need more wine.

What are you still doing here? Shut up and dance.

(Phil Martin, a staff writer and columnist for the Shreveport Journal, was an *Almagest* contributing editor in 1980-81.)

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SGA welcomes students

Dear Students:

Welcome to the Fall Semester at LSUS. I'd like to take this opportunity to explain the direction the LSUS Student Government Association will be taking for the 1987-88 academic year.

First, I'd like to answer the question I've heard most frequently since being elected: What does the SGA do? Technically speaking, we are chosen by the students to represent them to the LSUS faculty and administration, other colleges and universities and the surrounding community.

The SGA is also a service organization for the students. To this end we operate the SGA Book Exchange in the UC, hold a blood drive each semester and are presently working on an SGA scholarship.

How many of you have ideas about how to make LSUS a better university? If you feel that you could make a contribution, I'd like to offer a challenge: Come run for an office in the Student Government! There will be an election on Sept. 9 and 10. Sixteen seats for Senator-at-Large positions are open.

There are a lot of other organizations you could get involved in as well — there are clubs and activities that would cover just about any conceivable interest on this campus. They, too, are all made up of friendly people. LSUS IS a friendly place. But the responsibility is yours to get out into the mainstream.

I'll make one final pitch — one directed at you career-oriented types. Statistics show that graduates that have had experience in extracurricular activities tend to do better in the job market. This is because they have had experience working in committees, dealing with other people and getting a job done. Always remember that your first responsibility is to be a good student — but be aware that there is much more to college life than sitting in a classroom.

Think about what I've said. Give us a call at 797-5342, or feel free to come and visit us in UC 224.

Sincerely,
Clayton Rowe,
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JazzFest tonight

KDAQ Public Radio and Towne Oak Square will co-host the second JazzFest Friday and Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. each night.

The JazzFest will be held on the parking lot of Towne Oak Square at the corner of Line Avenue and Pierremont Road. The Fest will feature bassist Chuck Rainey and New York-based trumpeter Tom Browne. Other artists include Dorsey Summerfield and the Polyphonics and Shreveport

Super Sound.

"We'd love to meet you! I hope you'll come out to hear the music," said Tom Livingston, station manager.

KDAQ, 89.9 FM, will air the JazzFest live.

All proceeds from the sale of beverages and souvenirs will go to KDAQ.

Workshops set

Workshops for job hunters will be offered beginning September 10 in the DeSoto Room of the UC. Bill Stowe, director of Career Planning and Placement, will be conducting the sessions to provide information and coaching on job search techniques including resume writing and interviewing tips.

Each workshop will be offered twice to help students work them into their class schedules. In the session students will be given materials to help them succeed in their job search such as sample resumes, lists of questions employers often ask in interviews and how to utilize part-time and volunteer work in starting a career.

All students, especially seniors, are welcome to attend these workshops free of charge. The schedule is as follows:

Thur. Sept. 10, MONEY - Making It Takes Planning 12:30; Mon. Sept. 14, Want a New Car? Write a Successful Resume 12:00; Tues.

Sept. 15, Get What You Want: Successful Interviewing 12:30; Wed. Sept. 16, MONEY - Making It Takes Planning 12:00; Thur. Sept. 17, Want a New Car? Write a Successful Resume 12:30 and Fri. Sept. 18, Get What You Want: Successful Interviewing 12:00.

Senator elections

Elections for SGA Senators at Large will be held Wednesday and Thursday. Any student interested in becoming a senator may contact Mack Slocum, SGA Vice-President, by calling 797-5342 or by visiting the SGA Office, UC 224.

Library hours

The LSUS Library will be closed Sunday and Monday for the Labor Day holiday. The library will also be closed on Nov. 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.

ZTA

The Eta Omega Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha wishes to announce its new pledges for the fall semester: Melynda Bankston, Shari Barton, Heather Bazzell, Marnie Marlar, Amanda McClarney, Trudy McKee, Lisa Mills, Angie Murcia, Mary Murcia, Kristina Owen, Suzy Parker,

Cindy Polk, Callie Reeve, Theresa Ropollo, Amy Tidorsky, Rhonda Wilson, and Tisha Wood.

Ft. Worth art tour planned

A trip to the Kimball Art Museum in Fort Worth to view 48 Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works from London's Courtauld Gallery is scheduled September 26 and 27 by the International Studies Program at LSUS according to Marilyn Gibson, director.

Paintings on display will include those by Paul Cezanne, Edouard Manet, Claude Monet, George Seurat and Paul Gauguin.

The LSUS weekend is designed primarily for those who are interested in participating in the University's planned tour of Paris and the south of France in 1988. The trip is open to 44 people.

The trip's cost is \$133 and includes round-trip bus transportation from LSUS, one night in a twin-bedded room at the Westin Galleria in Dallas, plus front orchestra section tickets to the Dallas ballet, LA SYLPHIDE, on Saturday night and a ticket to the exhibition.

Checks for the trip should be made payable to John Baldwin, Business Manager, and mailed to 533 Merrick Street, Shreveport, LA 71104. For further information call 221-6449, 797-5124, or 797-5306.

Symphony season opens

The Shreveport Symphony will open its 40th season with two performances of An Evening of Gershwin and Ellington, the first subscription concert pair of the 1987-88 Masterworks series. Performances are scheduled at the Strand Theatre on Saturday, September 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, September 20 at 3 p.m. Conductor/Music Director Peter Leonard will hold an informal concert preview one hour prior to each performance.

Benefit concert scheduled

The New Orleans Artists Against Hunger & Homelessness Board will hold their third annual benefit concert for the hungry and homeless of New Orleans.

The concert is scheduled for Friday on the riverfront at Riverwalk from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The scheduled artists include Aaron Neville, Jimmy Buffett and the King King Trio, Rita Coolidge and the Rita Coolidge Band, Allen Toussaint, Dr. John, the Zion Harmonizers, and Bobby Cure and the Summertime Blues.

Ed Bradley of the new program "60 Minutes" will be joining the musicians as the guest host. Tickets are on sale now at all Ticketmaster outlets.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the gate. A special group rate is available for businesses or groups of 25 or more. To charge by phone, call New Orleans — 888-8181; Louisiana — 1-800-228-3944; Outside Louisiana — 1-800-535-5151.

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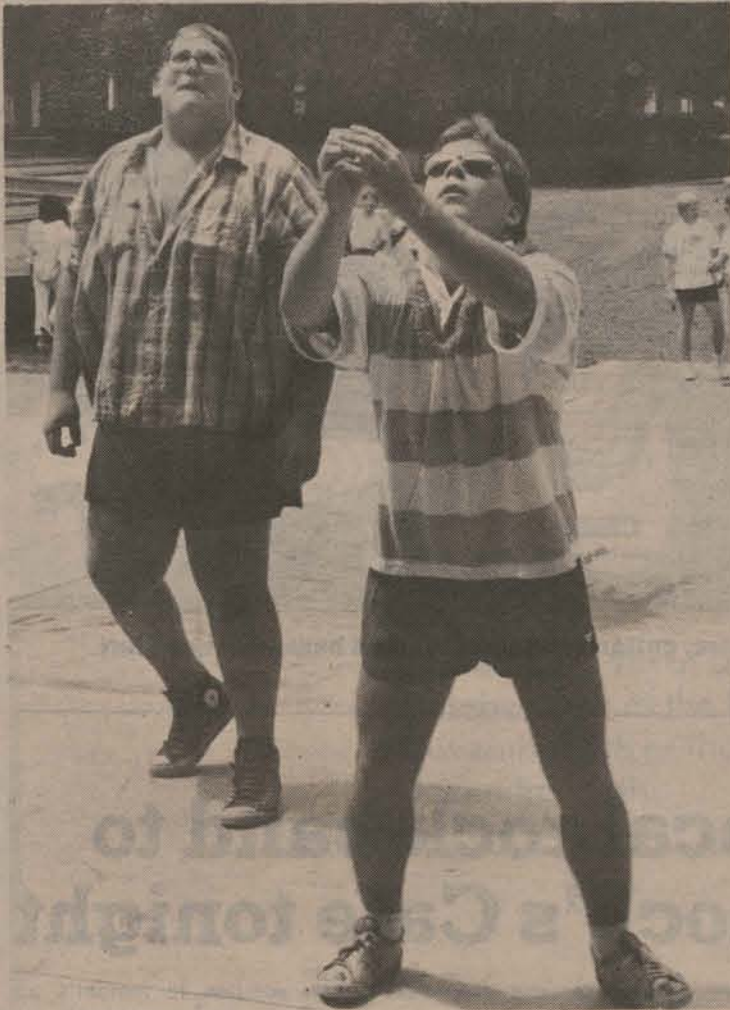


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John Ornberry (left) watches as Paul Fausto prepares to catch a balloon in the Water Balloon Toss Contest held last week during SAB's 'Beat the Heat' party.

Local poets hold monthly readings

By CAMILLE REAGAN
The Almagest

David Love Lewis, Kristina Nemec and Marcy Frantom seemingly would not have much in common — but their love of poetry draws them together.

David, often referred to as the "pistol-packin' poet," is a security guard for a local bank. He always has a new joke to tell (sometimes they are even funny) and a kind word to share. Every once in a while, you'll catch a thoughtful look on his face and wonder what's going on behind his dark eyes.

Kristina is a LSUS student majoring in English. In her spare time, she works as a freelance writer. She also served as Spectra editor for the past two years.

Marcy, a sales representative for a local company, received her B.A. in English and creative writing at LSU-BR.

Currently, all three are working on projects of their own.

David and Marcy are writing fiction. All three of them give poetry readings on the last Tuesday of each month at Enoch's Cafe, 1911 Centenary. So far, there have been four readings and the number of listeners has increased from a small group to a full house.

At the readings, there is always a guest poet. Jeff Burnette, of Ruston, was featured at the last reading.

There is a network of poets from Shreveport, Monroe and Ruston who have worked together — off and on — since 1981. The Shreveport group, consisting of George Burton III, David Lewis, Kristina Nemec and Nancy Frantom, are but a few of the practicing local poets. Kristina wants to start some readings at LSUS in an effort to open the eyes of students who know little or nothing about poetry, also to recruit new poets.

Persons interested in joining some of the readings can contact Kristina in BH 263.

Students 'Beat the Heat'

Cool reception meets SAB's fall party

By ERIC BANKS
The Almagest

Overcast skies prevailed last Friday, complementing the coolest day that Shreveport had experienced in a month. At 11 a.m. the campus parking lot began to empty as students finished classes. But on campus, top-pop music sounded as the second annual "Beat the Heat" party began. Radio personality Jeff Edman supplied the tunes and encouraged people to sign up for the water-balloon toss contest — or to just hang around.

At any one time, there were as many as 100 people at the Beach

Party blowout, about two percent of the LSUS population. A former Techster, Jeff Longino, didn't realize he was in the core of the party when walking through the mall.

"This is a party?" Jeff asked. "It's a lost cause. This is more boring than class."

Eight of 10 students questioned were unaware that a party was being thrown for them as a way to beat the heat. Beverages weren't flowing and a Frisbee couldn't be found.

"You can't get the students involved because of the commuter

scene here," said Bruce Spence, an LSUS sophomore. He added that he thought there was a lack of community at the school.

Despite increased publicity for the "Beat the Heat" party, attendance this year was three-to-four times lower than a year ago. "We had to compete with Greek rush this year," said Student Activities Board President Mike Smith. SAB members stopped students in the parking lot, encouraging them to stay. Smith said that while attendance figures were disappointing, he thought the party was a success.

Washington Semester provides opportunities for learning

By KRIS PURDY
The Almagest

Just as the Pied Piper led the children of Hamelin out of town, so too did Dr. Bill Pederson lead 43 students out of Shreveport and into our nation's capital. On May 17, 1987, those students arrived on the campus of George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The grand occasion was the Fifth Annual Washington Semester, sponsored by the LSUS American Studies Program.

Each May, Dr. Pederson and students embark upon a journey of fun-filled facts and trivia. The number of students is usually limited to 40. This number includes both interns and non-interns.

The interns were required to work 40 hours each week for four weeks. Their jobs on the most recent Washington semester included working on Capitol Hill for various senators and represen-

tatives, researching facts on the Constitution at the Library of Congress and researching the Strategic Defense Initiative for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The non-interns play the role of perpetual tourist during their three-week stay in Washington. While the interns worked in their different offices, the non-interns enjoyed rare opportunities, such as attending the International Symposium on the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Speakers at that five-day conference included Attorney General Edwin Meese and consumer advocate Ralph Nader.

Other treats included a two-day tour of the State Department's diplomatic reception rooms by Head Curator Clement Conger. The rooms on the seventh and eighth floors have been renovated in early American styles through the aid of contributions.

In addition, students toured the Hillwood Museum, home of the late Marjorie Merriwether Post, and Dumbarton Oaks, which houses a magnificent collection of Byzantine and pre-Columbian art and sculpture. The traditional tours of the White House, Capitol, Library of Congress, Smithsonian museums and the National Gallery of Art were also part of Pederson's agenda.

"It's the only program of its kind," said Pederson, adding that most other universities that offer similar programs are private, and their tuitions are "usually quite superior to that which you at LSUS pay."

Through the LSUS Washington Semester, a student can earn six credits as an intern or a non-intern and can repeat the semester for a total accumulation of 12 credits. These credits are given for courses in the fields of American Studies and Political Science.

Kissinger to speak at fundraiser

Henry A. Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State, will speak Nov. 5 at a major fundraising dinner for LSUS.

Kissinger's appearance is being sponsored by the Associates, the educational foundation providing support to LSUS, in honor of the University's 20th anniversary this year.

The "Evening with Henry Kissinger" lecture and dinner will benefit the University's 1987 Alumni Association Mindpower Fund.

The Mindpower Fund was established in 1986 to provide scholarships and general support to LSUS. The University Associates foundation, created in 1983, provides support and

guidance to the LSUS advancement program, and funds student scholarships, outstanding faculty awards and faculty development grants.

In addition to the public fundraiser, Dr. Kissinger will address the faculty on Nov. 6. For further information contact the LSUS Office of University Relations at 797-5202.

features

Campus profs co-edit book

By DONALD GARRETT

The Almagest

Which American presidents are rated the greatest and the worst? Which secretary of state was the most successful and which the least? These questions and many others are answered in a book entitled, **The Rating Game in American Politics**, co-edited by LSUS professors Dr. Ann McLaurin and Dr. Bill Pederson.

McLaurin is a professor of history and the chairman of the department of history and political science at LSUS and Pederson is a professor of political science.

The Rating Game is a compilation of works by some of the most well known and respected historians and political scientists in America today. Among the academicians who contributed chapters to the book are James David Barber, James Davies, James MacGregor Burns and Doris Kearns-Goodwin.

Pederson and McLaurin sought to not only put together a book that rated the presidents, but also those people in the American political arena who helped determine a president's success or failure by the performance of their own duties.

Thus, it is not the chapters rating the American presidents that make this book a must for all those interested in the evolution of national politics in the United States, but rather the chapters that rate those men and women who would influence a president's policies in some way or another.

Perhaps the most interesting chapter in the entire book is the one dealing with presidents and their White House staffs.

Most people do not realize how much influence White House staff members — who are with the president virtually 24 hours a day — exert on policy decisions. From day one of a president's administration it is crucial that he choose the right people to be his closest advisors on the White House staff.

The wrong people for a White House staff, though they are not as visible as senators or cabinet

members, can undermine a presidency from the beginning.

Chapters devoted to the rating of Supreme Court justices, senators and secretaries of state are also invaluable to the study of the American political system and the vital roles played by the men and women who serve the country in those capacities.

Part two of the book, which is divided into three sections, deals with American history from a world perspective. The three chapters in this section deal with the causes of revolution and rebellion, the reasons for consistent lack of wisdom in American government and the secret to true leadership.

Part three of **The Rating Game** consists of individual case studies of such giants of the White House as Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abe Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, and Dwight Eisenhower.

Two LSUS history professors — Dr. Milton Finley and Dr. Alan Thompson — contributed two of the case studies in part three of the book. Thompson wrote the chapter on Jefferson; Finley wrote the chapter on Andrew Jackson.

Dr. Norman Provizer, professor of political science at LSUS, wrote a brilliant and moving piece on Martin Luther King, Jr. and the dream of freedom in America. Provizer also contributed a chapter on Supreme Court Justice John Marshall.

The Rating Game in American Politics is an excellent book that would be a valuable tool for anyone involved with the study of contemporary or historical political figures. It provides a sound basis for rating the performances of political leaders in the judicial, executive and legislative branches of government.



(L to R) Drummer Kerry Hunter, guitarist Buddy Flett and bassist Bruce Flett.

Bluebirds

Popular local rock band to play at Enoch's Cafe tonight

By DONALD GARRETT

The Almagest

The Bluebirds, one of Shreveport's most successful rock bands, will be playing tonight at Enoch's Cafe, 1911 Centenary Blvd.

The three-man combo features guitarist-songwriter Buddy Flett and his brother,

Bruce, on bass, and drummer Kerry Hunter.

The Bluebirds have toured throughout the South, opening for such acts as Delbert McClinton, Roomful of Blues and Carl Perkins.

Each member plays a key role in the Bluebirds hard-edged, bluesy sound while sharing lead vocals.

In addition to tonight's appearance, The Bluebirds will play three more times in Shreveport this month before departing on a European tour Sept. 20 to Oct. 5. Humphree's-in-the-Square will be rocking with the Bluebirds on Sept. 8 and 15. They will also appear at Jodie's Place on the Riverfront with Dale Hawkins.

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news

Reactions vary to delay in athletic plan

by RODNEY MALLET
The Almagest

At the end of the Spring 1987 semester the idea of Division III sports was alive.

The sports would have included soccer, swim and golf teams. Because LSUS would be in Division III there would be no scholarships awarded.

"I hear that rumor every semester, but I bet it never happens," said Tony Sico, a LSUS sophomore.

Sico may have won his bet because the LSU Board of Supervisors in Baton Rouge didn't consider the issue. LSUS students interviewed have mixed reactions to the dropped issue.

Chris Daniels doesn't think the issue was pushed hard enough. "The Chancellor didn't get enough publicity to the students at LSUS, much less any of the people in the community or in Baton Rouge," Daniels was also upset about the sports that were chosen. "The reason for having sports is so the students will have

something to rally around, and I've never heard of a pep rally for a golf team."

Some students did seem bothered by losing the program. One was Tony Sabin. "It sucks," Sabin said. "I would have liked to have played on a racquetball team."

Curt Burnett, a sophomore and

a regular participant in intramurals, does not care that there won't be any sports. "If we had a soccer team then their practices would take the intramural fields," Burnett said.

He also thinks that the sports that were chosen are boring, so the students could not care less if we had sports or not.

Athletic plans changed

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support for the concept.

If the proposal is approved, LSUS will get an NCAA Division III non-scholarship program. The program would be administered by the vice chancellor for student affairs and run by an athletic director reporting directly to that office.

Funds for the program would

come primarily from a \$10 student fee.

Bogue said the program would emphasize participant sports like golf, tennis, swimming and track.

If the Board approves the athletic plan for LSUS, the earliest it could be implemented would be the fall of 1988.

Inmates work at LSUS

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exact dollar amount that the University is saving as a direct result of the CDC inmate labor program. He did say, however, that if the inmate workers were to work here for a full year, then they would be worth the equivalent of "about two men per year." (LSUS Physical Plant groundskeepers earn an average annual salary of \$11,800.)

Farrar believes that the program is not only beneficial to LSUS and the community, but to

the inmates as well.

"They (the CDC inmates) get a break on their jail sentences by coming out here," he said. "For each day of work, two days of their term are completed."

"They prefer being here rather than undergoing the dull life in prison," said Farrar. "The time passes faster, according to them."

CDC, located in southwest Caddo Parish, has been plagued recently by overcrowding.



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